

The Peanut Industry.

One of the resources of the South yet in the infant stage of development is the peanut industry. The area devoted to peanut culture is small compared to the vast number of acres that are available. The nut will grow, say authorities, in various kinds of soil if fairly fertilized. But the best varieties are raised in the sandy loam found so largely in Virginia, the Carolinas, Alabama, Tennessee, Southern Georgia and Northern Florida. At present scarcely more than 1 per cent of the available surface is under cultivation. As many as one hundred bushels have been raised from a single acre in North Carolina. The average though, is probably much lower than fifty bushels per acre.

The peanut plant is exceedingly valuable, every part being capable of utilization with the possible exception of the root. The "hay" is valuable for horses, and mules especially. It is said to be somewhat too coarse for horses, but mules thrive on it.

The following from The Tradesman is interesting as showing the value of this crop:

"As already intimated, the nut is adapted to such a variety of purposes that its value in its original form is small compared with some of the other products which can be obtained from it. The average American crop in recent years has been nearly 4,000,000 bushels, representing a total value of \$10,000,000 annually. In addition to the nuts which are eaten, a large quantity are bought by European manufacturers, who extract the kernels by machinery and press oil from them. The oil is quite similar in quality to cotton-seed oil, as well as olive oil. It is sweet, palatable and clear, making it available for table use, for lighting as well as lubrication. Much of it is sold in Europe to be used in machine shops, also as one of the compounds in manufacturing fine soaps. The fact that it will sell for \$1 a gallon abroad shows its value. The cake left after extracting the oil is made into biscuits, which are recommended as food for invalids on account of the nutrition which they contain. In fact, peanut cake is one of the manufactures of Germany and sells for \$33 a ton, in its raw state, being fed to sheep and cattle in addition to being baked and used as human food.

"As yet, little or nothing has been done in America to manufacture the cake and oil, although some experimental compounds have been made in a small way, such as peanut butter, which constitutes an article of diet. It is the meat of the kernel formed into a paste by mixing with the peanut oil and is spread on bread and other food as a substitute for the ordinary butter.

"The demand for the peanut is indicated by the fact that Europe alone requires about 500,000,000 pounds yearly and that the fields in Africa and India alone send 400,000,000 pounds to this market. Yet nearly all of this quantity is ground into cake and oil for various purposes,

very few of the peanuts being sold to be roasted and eaten as in America. The quality of the nuts raised in the South shows they are equal in valuable properties to the Asian or African nuts, the variety in Tennessee and Georgia containing as much oil to the pound, and oil of as good a quality, while it is believed that they can be grown at a much lower price. As yet, the total crop of the United States is less than 90,000,000 pounds."—Kinston Free Press.

Censorship of Advertisements.

Information is given out in Washington that the Postoffice Department will begin in the near future a censorship of advertisements. The method adopted will be as follows: Postmasters will be instructed to forward to the department without delay any advertisement which is even suggestively obscene or indecent. The department will then pass on the advertisement and notify the Association of American Publishers, and through it the newspapers, that the advertisement can not appear after a given date, and that any newspaper disregarding the Postoffice Department's injunction will be held up in the postoffice where it is mailed, and that each paper will be dealt with individually.

We are very glad to learn that a movement of this kind is on foot. While the daily papers are the worst offenders, there are advertisements in the weeklies and even in the agricultural papers, which are so destructive to public morals, and especially to the morals of the young, that they ought not to be permitted to enter into any farm home. Every farmer has the right to guard the sacred precincts of his home not only from the intrusion of the improper person, but from the intrusion of improper literature.

The work of the department will be very greatly helped if subscribers would take the matter in their own hands and notify every offending paper to discontinue his paper at once, giving a good and sufficient reason by cutting out and returning the offensive advertisement.

This movement could be carried still farther, and with great benefit to the public, forbidding the insertion of all kinds of lottery and "get-rich-quick" advertisements. Competition between newspapers has now become so great and the price of subscriptions so unreasonably low, that many publishers accept about everything that is offered, thus building up their business at the expense of morals and decency, and pandering to the "get-rich-quick" spirit, which is one of the worst evils that afflict modern society. Let the good work go on.—Des Moines (Iowa) Farmer.

The University of North Carolina starts the new session under very flattering conditions. The total number of students registered to date is about five hundred and twenty-five. It is believed that the attendance will reach seven hundred within the next few weeks. At this time last year the registration was about four hundred and twenty.



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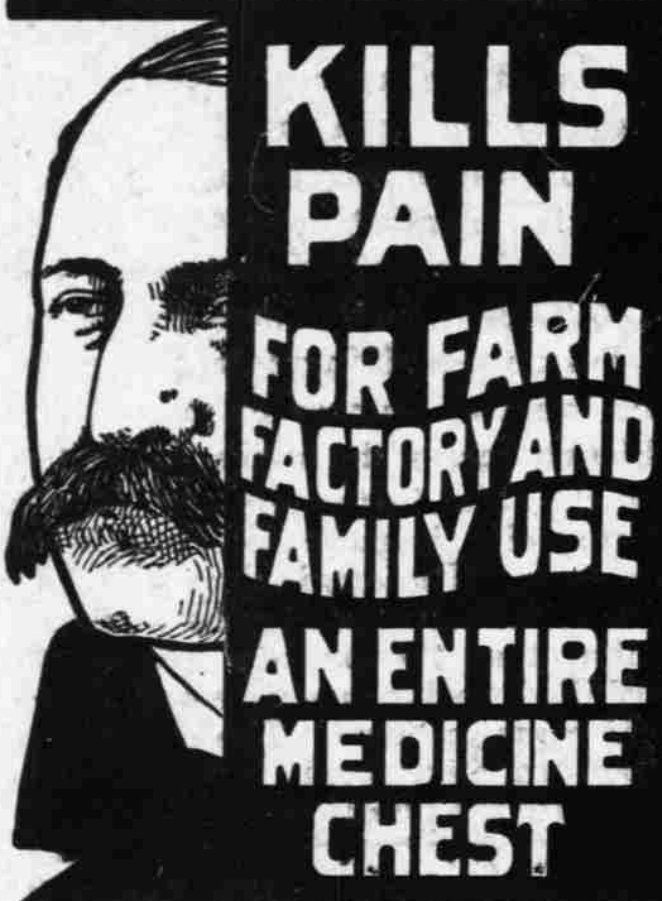
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